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From your (classic) editor

Everybody is calling themselves "new" these days. It doesn't seem to be in vogue to be the same old, same old. So here I am being *against the grain*. I am your same old, same old classic editor! But—the issue you have in your hands is bam-zowie with lots of NEW stuff! Open to the Table of Contents and see for yourself. **Judy Luther** has updated her June, 1997, article on fulltext journals and what's happening in the electronic marketplace. **John McDonald** and **Jimmy Ghaphery** add to the picture by discussing title level access to specific publications in electronic databases. **Sydney Allen** and **Heather Miller** weigh in with books and a study comparing the prices of books as provided by an online bookstore

and a traditional library vendor to their library. Next, we have **Joan Bartram's** small college perspective on evaluating library collections.

The Annual Report

Survey this year gives us even more detailed information about what's happening in libraries as well as your issues, problems, and concerns. As well, worth noting in this issue is the article on Web-based ordering by **Mary H. Kay**, a look at some of the Web-based order interfaces that are now being offered by book vendors. We have interviews with **Christine Lamb**, COO of ingenta, and **Mark Berry**, Publisher of Arcadia Publications here



in Charleston, SC, plus a profile of **Bryan Carson**, our BRAND NEW Legally Speaking Editor, and **Jennifer Eagleton**, a translator in Hong Kong, who we met on the World Wide Web.

And, just to prove that we're not old fossils, we at **ATG** are announcing here and now that we are adding MORE to the Web page—**www.against-the-grain.com**. Right now, there is a new quote each day on the home page, and, as of April 15, we will have a **JOB BANK** on the Web where you can see what jobs are out there for yourself AND post your own interests as well.

As always, we welcome your rants and raves! All the best to each of you!

Yr. Ed.



Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strauchk@earthlink.net> (Please note NEW email address), phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the **ATG Homepage** at <<http://www.against-the-grain.com>>.

Dear Editor:

The Library Time Line in the latest issue of **ATG** (v.11#6, p.1ff) was most interesting. I would like to suggest that the online age began in October 1968 when the first interactive database went online. The **Biomedical Communication Network (BCN)** had an online version of *Index Medicus*. The nine original libraries were searching several years before the emergence of **MEDLINE**. Credit goes to **Irwin Pizer**, the creator and leader of the **BCN**.

I always look forward to receiving

ATG and hope you will keep editing and publishing forever. Happy New Year

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Subject: The Charleston inspiration!

Dear Editor:

After a few years of reading your hugely stimulating journal, I thought it was time that we in South Africa tried to

host a similar event, where local (and a few international) librarians, publishers and vendors could get together to exchange ideas and experiences, and perhaps gain more of an understanding of each others' activities and strategies, and perhaps help strengthen our own information industry. To my delight, several other colleagues agreed. We all see it as a broadening as well as a converging industry which must bring sweeping changes to all stakeholders in the very near future.

We're holding our own **SALAC** (Southern African Library and Acquisitions Conference) on 14- 15 August 2000, and thought you might just like to know how much we're looking forward to it, and how much we have been inspired by the Charleston model. Please do wish us well!

We're always strapped for funds here, but I do hope to attend the Charleston event one day, and perhaps also to meet you. I think you have done so much to open up discussions between librarians and their commercial counterparts, and would like to thank you for your immensely pioneering work!

Very sincerely,

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Reference Publishing	Sept. 2000	07/05/00	07/19/00
Charleston Conference	Nov. 2000	08/23/00	09/06/00
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 00/Jan. 01	10/25/00	11/08/00